wireline capacity gets spared. This phenomenon is universal and not peculiar to Indian Telecom scenario or the State of Orissa.

Mechanical fault in Phulparas Telephone Exchange

†1052. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Phulparas Telephone Exchange in the Madhubani district of Bihar remains inoperative and inactive at least twenty days in a month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more often the above exchange catches, mechanical fault, electrical fault and other faults, simultaneously; and

(c) if not, the number of days since January, 2004 when this exchange remained inoperative alongwith the days of its being functional and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) The Phulparas Telephone Exchange remained inoperative as per following details:

Sl. No.	Year	Date and duration of failure	Duration	Reason	Remarks
1.	2004	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
2.	2005	17.04.05	5 hrs.	Due to E/A failure	Restored on same day.
3.	2005	27.10.05	15 hrs.	Due to E/A failure	Restored on same day.
4.	2006	28.01.06	8 hrs.	Due to E/A failure	Restored on same day.
5.	2006	14.04.06	10 hrs.	Due to E/A failure	Restored on same day.
6.	2006	08.06.06	8 hrs.	OFC cable cut by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	Restored on same day on Microwave system. It is working on OFC media *via* Khutauna-Jainagar-Madhubani route since 10.06.06.

The two Engine Alternators (E/A) have been recently replaced by new ones of higher capacity.

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